Amendments to the Drawings:

The original drawings included 30 Figures on 17 sheets.

On sheet 2 including Figure 2, the darkened areas were made lighter to clarify the figure.

Sheet 3 which included a duplicate copy of Figure 2 has been deleted.

Sheet 7 which includes Figures 11 and 12-A the charts were corrected to complete the lines and place all of the text on a single line.

On Sheet 8 which includes Figures 12-B, 13, 14, 15-A and 15-B the charts were corrected to complete the lines and place all of the text on a single line.

On sheet 11 the flow chart line in box 910 was shortened.

Sheet 12 which includes Figures 21 and 22 has been modified so that Figures 21 and 22 are now on separate sheets.

Sheet 13 which includes Figures 23 and 24 has been modified so that Figures 23 and 24 are now on separate sheets.

Sheet 14 which includes Figures 25 and 26 has been modified so that Figures 25 and 26 are now on separate sheets.

Sheet 15 which includes Figures 27 and 28 has been modified so that Figures 27 and 28 are now on separate sheets.

Sheet 16 which includes Figure 29 has been labeled prior art.

Attachments:

Annotated Sheets showing changes
Replacement Sheets

Remarks

Claims 1-31 are pending.

Claims 1-31 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 8, 15 and 18-31 are amended.

Claims 1-31 are hereby submitted for review.

No new matter has been added.

On pages 1-19 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to numerous aspects of the specification, claims and figures. Applicants have amended these portions of the specification, claims and figures according to the Examiner's suggestions and respectfully request that these objections be withdrawn

Turning to the prior art rejection, the Examiner has rejected independent claims 1, 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bobo II (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,549). Also independent claim 25 has been rejected as unpatentable over Bobo II in view of Johnson (U.S. Patent No. 5,664,109).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner and submit the following remarks in response.

The present invention as claimed in independent claim 1 is directed to a fax storage and retrieval system having a fax receiving module configured to receive a plurality of facsimile documents from a plurality of fax devices. A document attribute module allows a user to associate each incoming fax document to a unique attribute set *related to at least one feature contained on at least one of the facsimile documents.*

A fax page splitter module is configured to split the images of each of the facsimile documents into individual image pages and a document storage and retrieval

system, coupled to said fax receiving module, stores each of the pages of the plurality of facsimile documents such that each of the pages is individually retrievable *using the unique attribute set from the document attribute module.* Independent claims 8, 15 and 25 each include at least a similar functioning attribute moudle or attribute assigning process (claims 15 and 25). For example, claim 25 includes the additional feature of displaying to the user the images of each page of the received fax documents.

As noted in paragraphs [0130] - [0135] such an arrangement allows the system to receive numerous facsimile documents, from various sources, and using an attribute module, assign each document(s) to a particular file based on an attribute contained in the facsimile. Thereafter, additional facsimiles received having the same attribute on the facsimile documents may be assigned to the same file for easy recala at a later date.

The cited prior art, namely Bobo II teaches a message delivery and storage system. However, it does not appear that Bobo teaches all of the elements of the present invention. For example, the Examiner cited to Figure 17 of Bobo with regards to the document "attributes." However, Figure 17 of Bobo merely contains a "type of document" field 302 that simply identifies whether the incoming transmission is a telephone call, a facsimile etc... (because Bobo receives communications from multiple types of input devices). This is confirmed by lines 43-50 of column 23 in Bobo. Such a disclosure in Bobo is not the same as the attribute module of the present invention.

As such, the cited prior art does not teach or suggest all of the elements of the present invention as claimed. For example, the cited prior art does not teach or suggest a document attribute module which allows a user to associate each incoming fax document to a unique attribute set *related to at least one feature contained on at least one of the*

facsimile documents and where each of the pages is individually retrievable *using the unique attribute set from the document attribute module.*

For at least this reason Applicants submit that the prior art does not teach all of the elements of independent claims 1, 8, 15 and 25 and respectfully request that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn. Also, as claims 2-7, 9-14, 16-24 and 26-31 depend from claims 1, 8, 15 and 25 respectively, these claims should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-31 are in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this Application he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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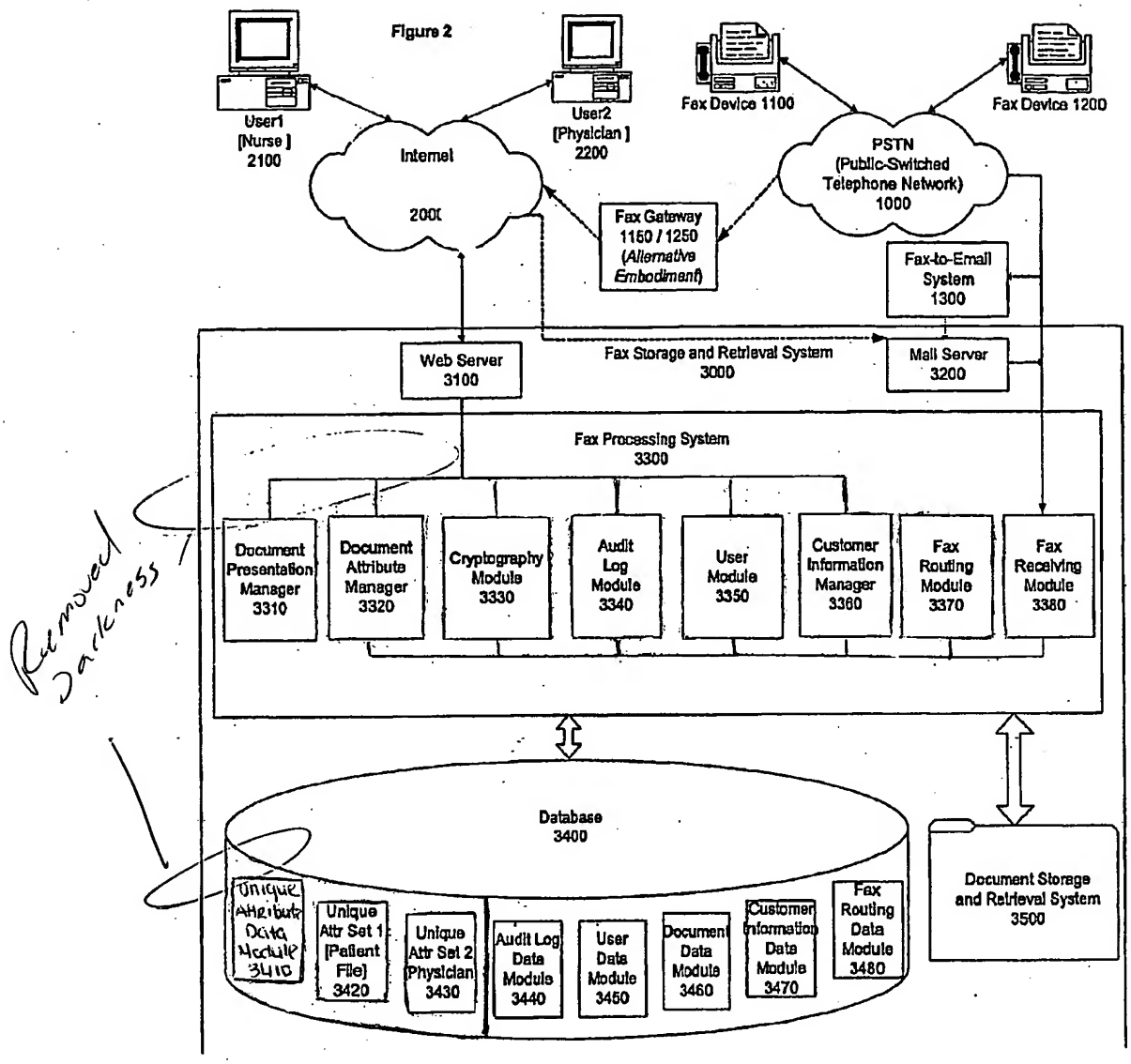
APPENDIX

Figure 2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User2
[Physician]
2200
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2000
Fax Device 1100
Fax Device 1200
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(Public-Switched Telephone Network)
1000
Fax Gateway
1150 / 1250
(Alternative Embodiment)
Fax-to-Email System
1300
Web Server
3100
Fax Storage and Retrieval System
3000
Mail Server
3200
Fax Processing System
3300
Document Presentation Manager
3310
Document Attribute Manager
3320
Cryptography Module
3330
Audit Log Module
3340
User Module
3350
Customer Information Manager
3360
Fax Routing Module
3370
Fax Receiving Module
3380
Database
3400
Unique Attribute Data Module
3410
Unique Attr Set 1 [Patient File]
3420
Unique Attr Set 2 Physician
3430
Audit Log Data Module
3440
User Data Module
3450
Document Data Module
3460
Customer Information Data Module
3470
Fax Routing Data Module
3480
Document Storage and Retrieval System
3500

Fixed Table

Figure 11

FaxRoutingInfo Table 3482

FaxRoutingInfoId	FaxNumber	EmailAddress	CustomerId	DepartmentId	MemberId	Description
17	1-866-947-0512	001@fax.mmf.com	13	12	5	

Figure 12-A

Document Table 3462

DocumentId	CustomerId	FaxRoutingInfoId	ReceivedDateTime	NoOfPages	ReceivedFrom
1029	13	17	03-Jan-01	2	212 982 0031

Figure 12-B

DocumentPages Table 3464

DocumentPageId	UniqueCaseId	DocumentId	DocumentPageNo	UniqueCasePageNo	State
10397	765	1029	1	1	3
10398	766	1029	2	1	3

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Figure 13

Customer Table 3472

CustomerId	CustomerName	CustomerCode	SessionTimeout	ContactName	ContactEmail	ContactPhone
13	Test Hospital	TH01	30	Peter Paul	ppaul@cn.com	212-333-4444

Figure 14

User Table 3452

UserId	LogInID	Password	UserType	Firstname	Lastname	CustomerId	CustomerCode	Disable
107	kjohnson	E93o30033	1	Kelly	Johnson	13	TH01	0
108	john	w882jy729	0	John	Smith	13	TH01	0

Figure 15-A

AuditAction Table 3442

AuditActionId	Description	DataType
1	Document Reviewed	NULL
2	Document Filed	1
3	Unique Case Attribute1 Changed	2

Figure 15-B

AuditLog Table 3444

AuditLogId	UserId	AuditActionId	ObjectId
1092	108	1	1029
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Document Display and Organization

Figure 20

Process Flow Chart

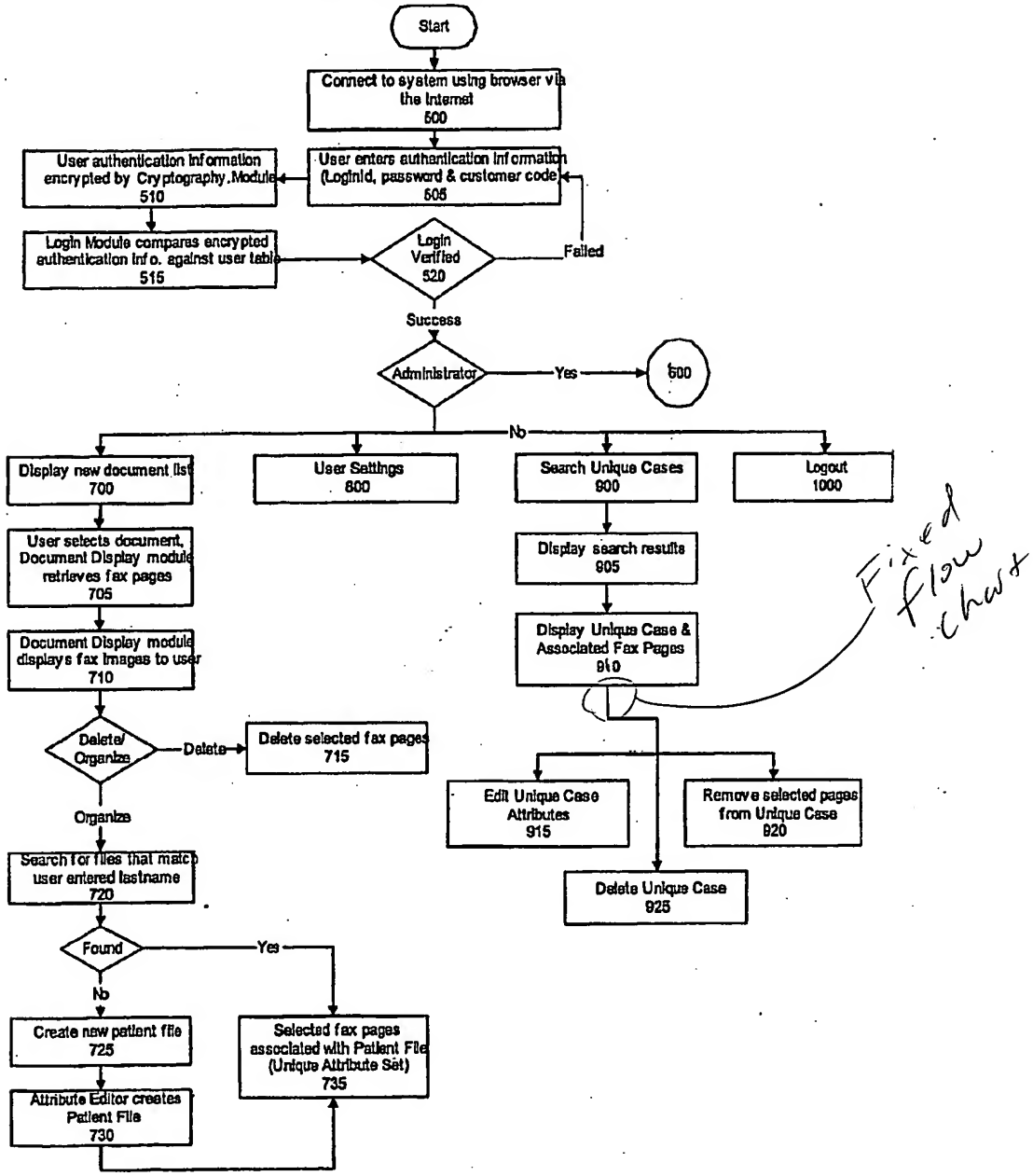

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Figure 21

List of Incoming (un-reviewed) Faxes

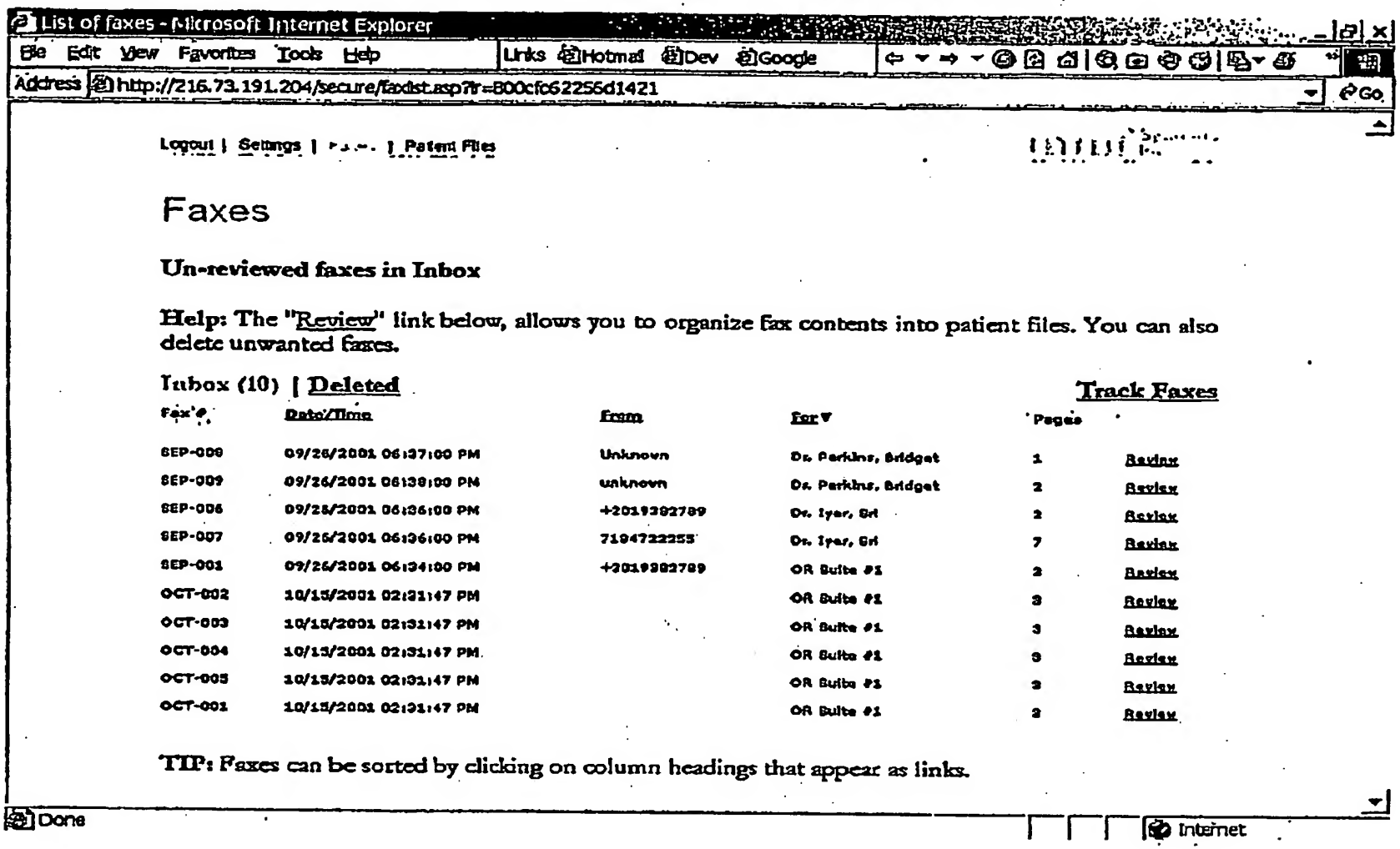

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Figure 22

Viewing a Fax

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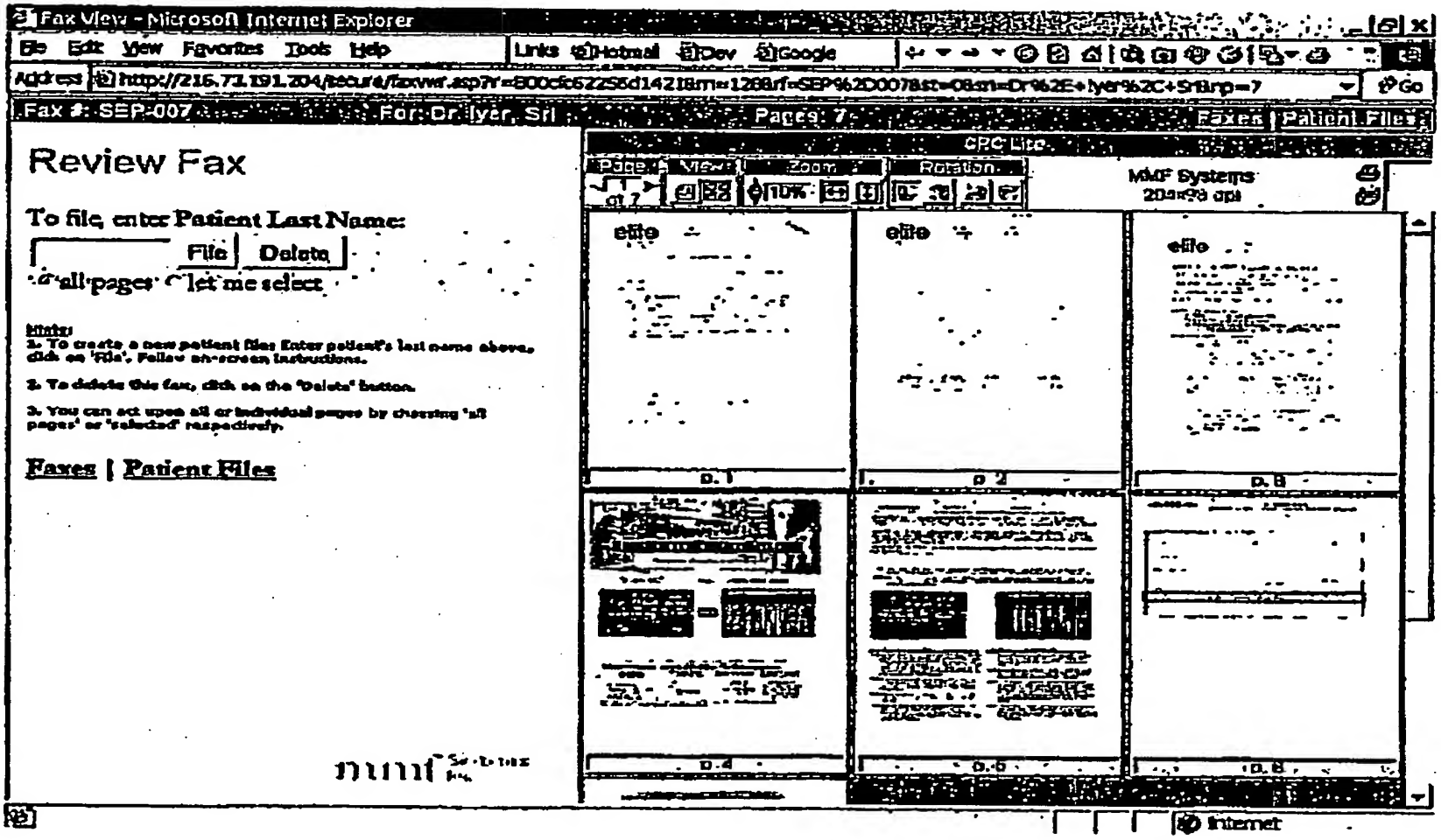

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Figure 23

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New Unique Attribute Set (Patient File)

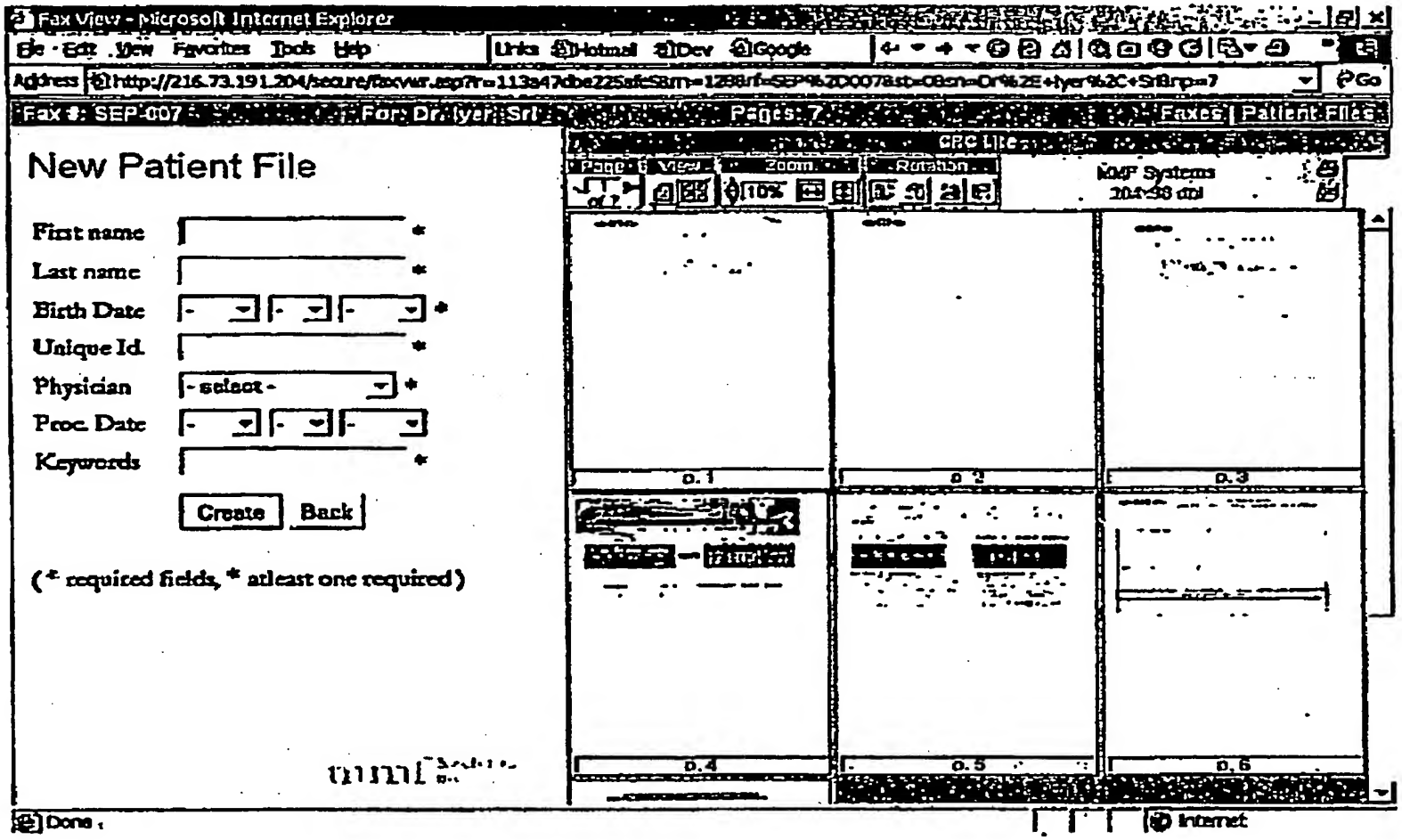

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Figure 24

Unique Attribute Set (Patient File) Found

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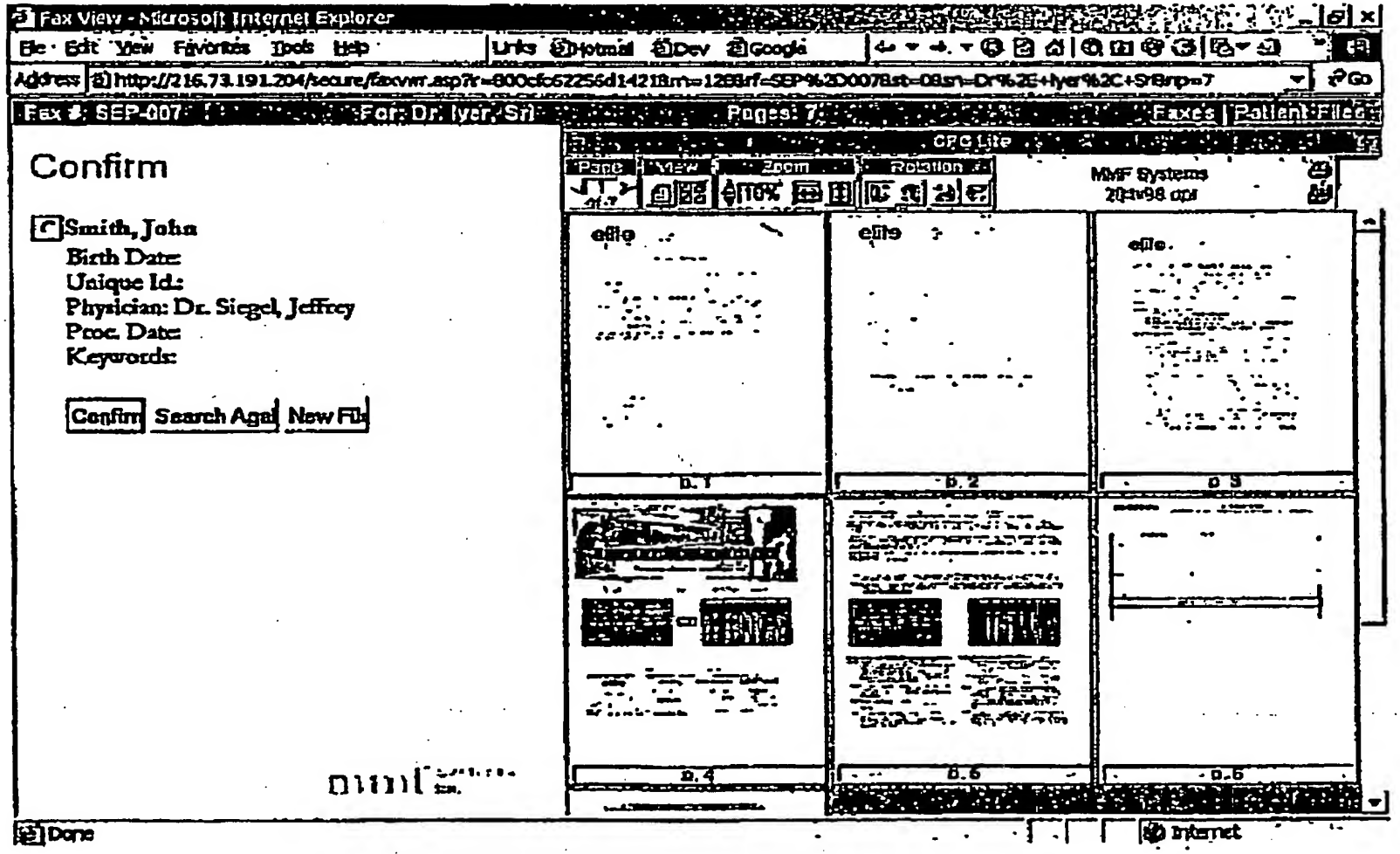

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Figure 25

Search Unique Cases (Patient Files)

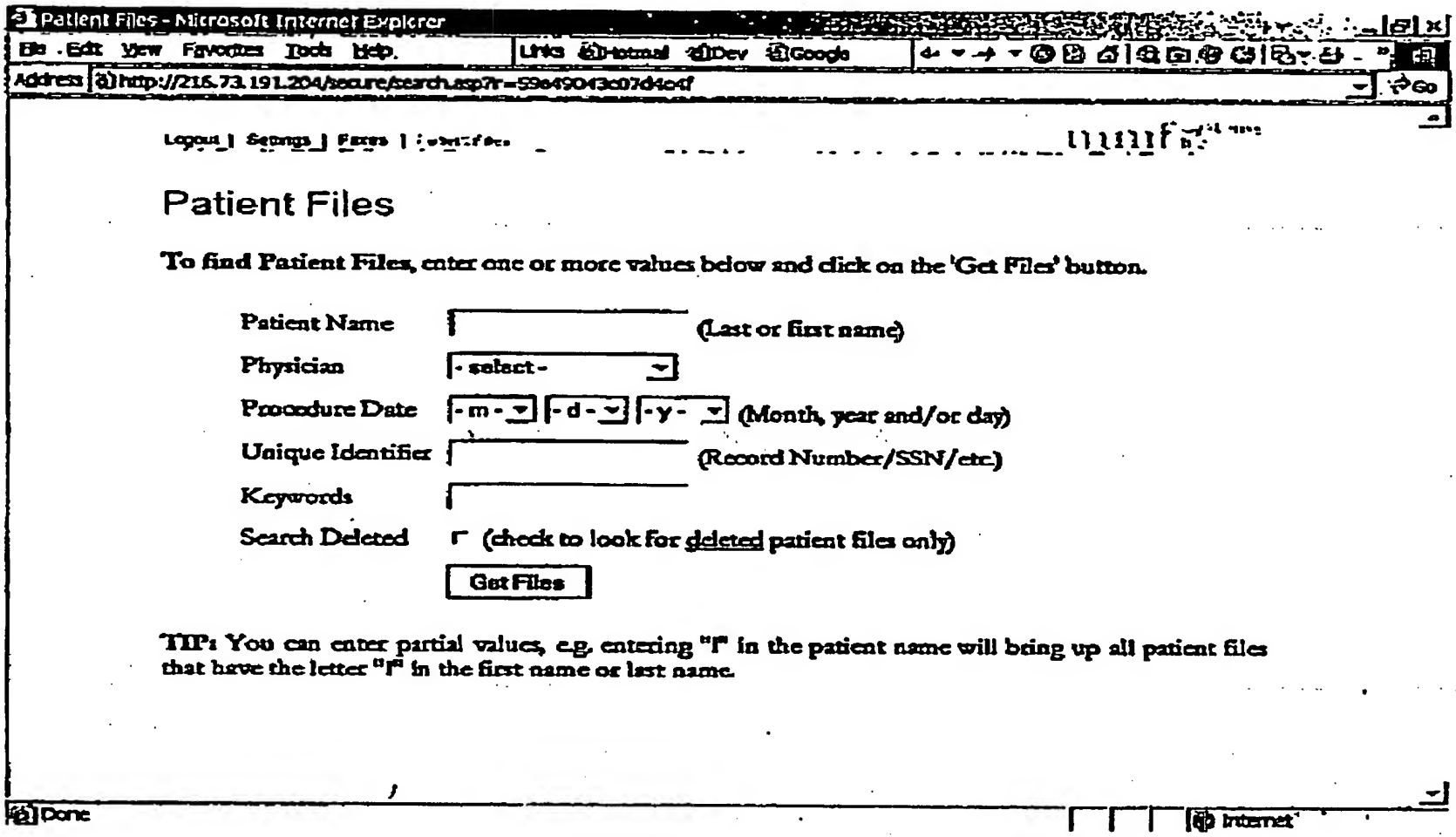

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Figure 26

List of Unique Cases (Patient Files)

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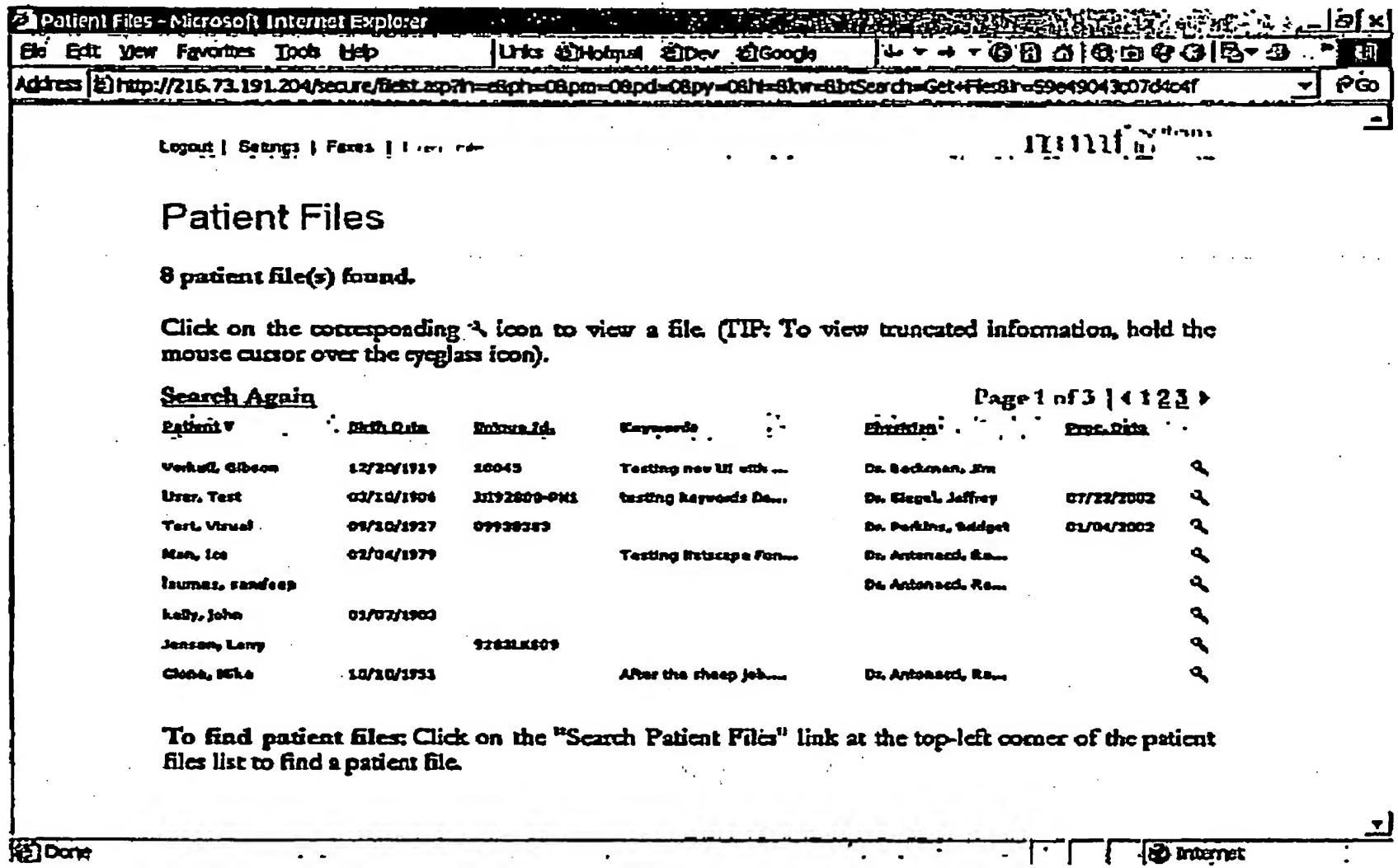

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Figure 27

View Unique Case (Patient File)

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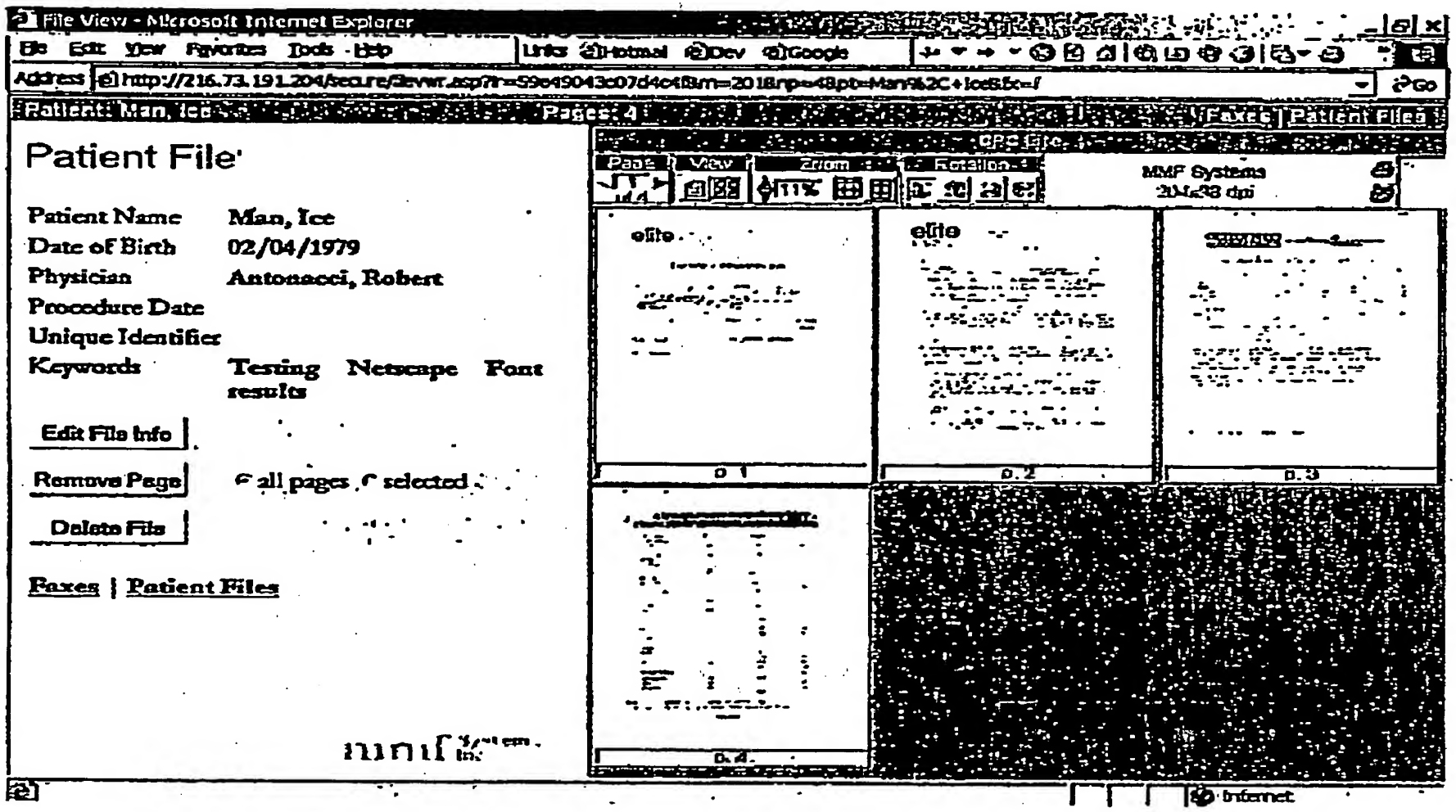

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Figure 28

Edit Unique Case (Patient File) Attributes

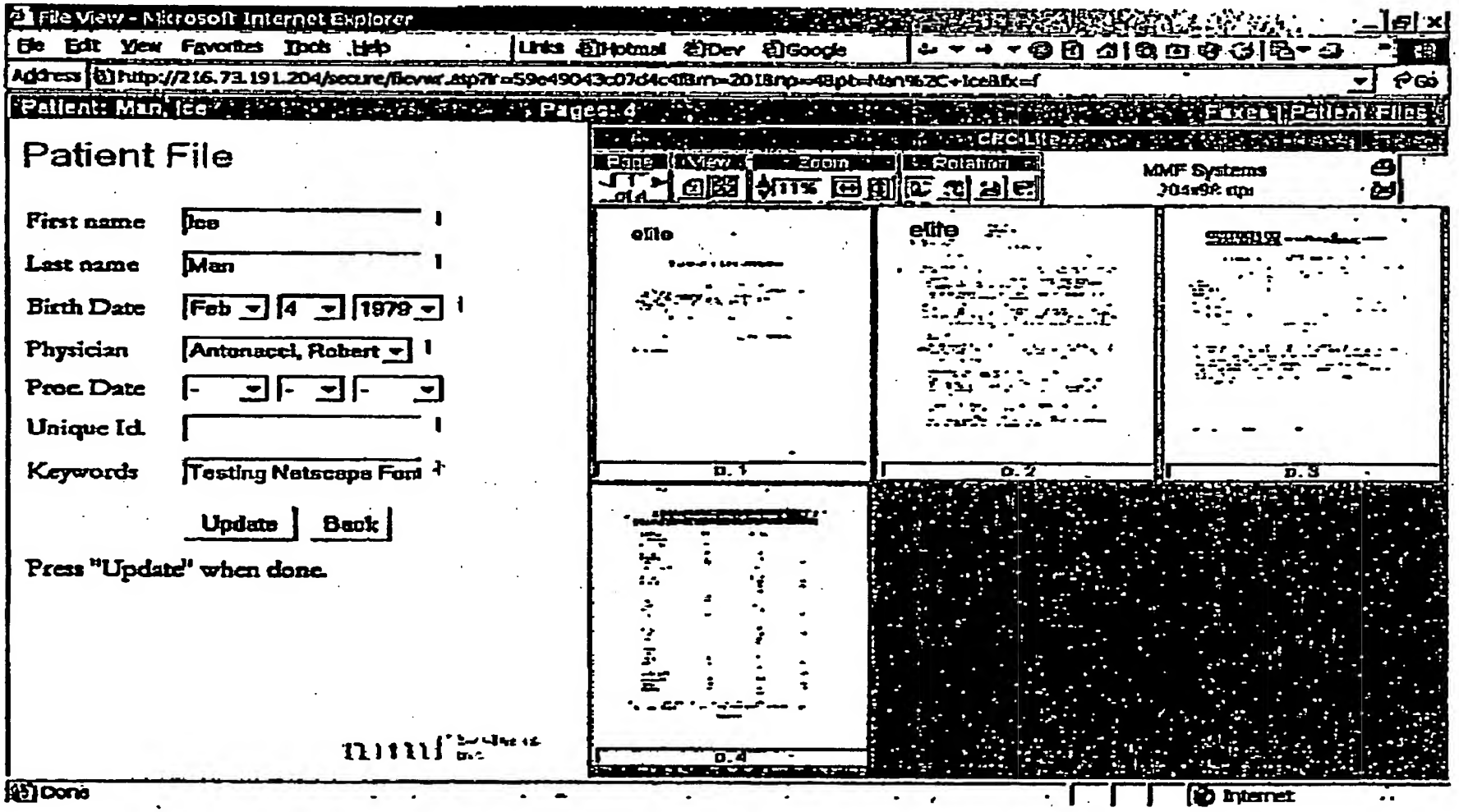

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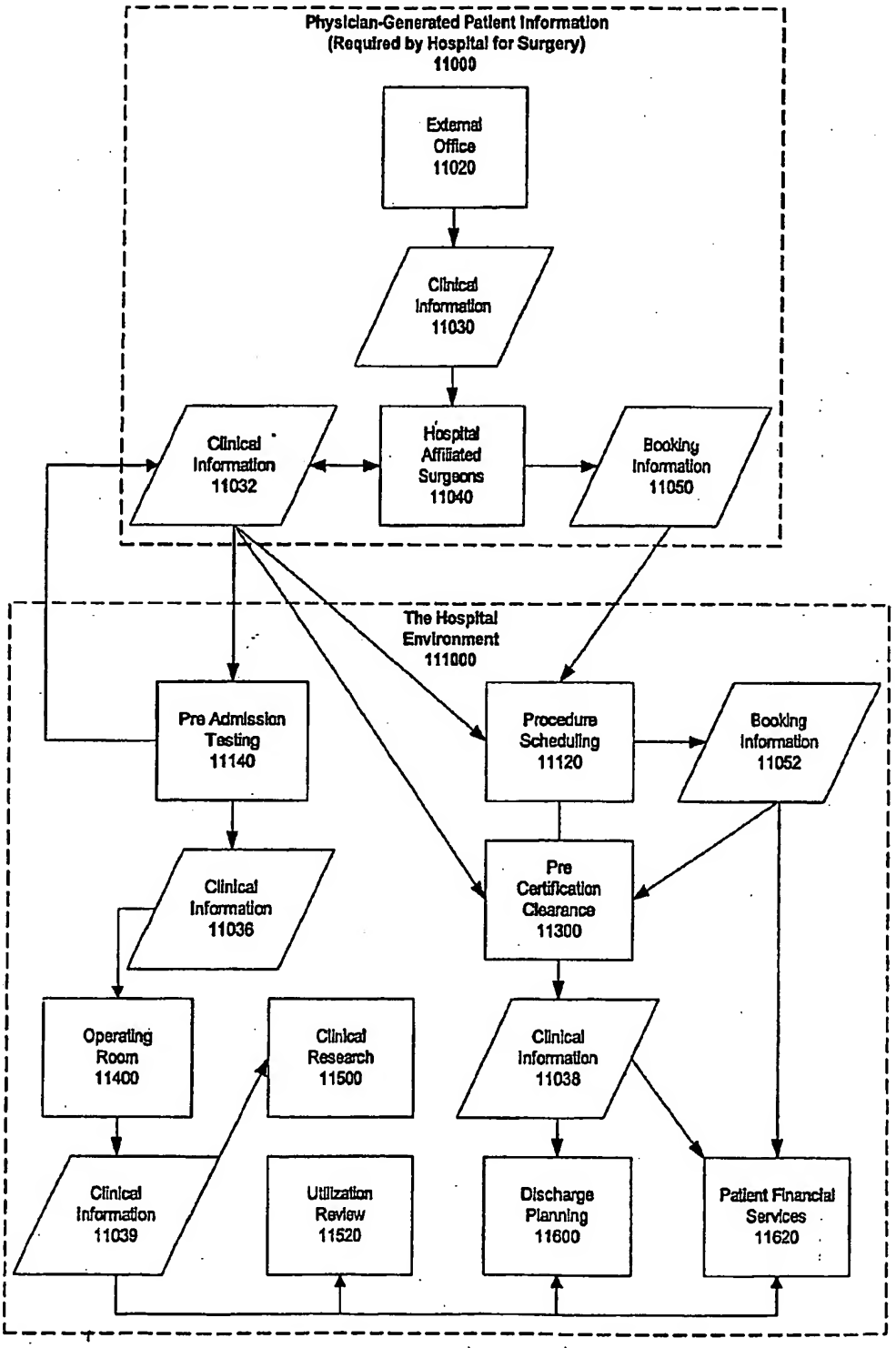
Figure 29

Hospital Procedural Information Flow (Base Case)



Prior Art added